Payroll jobs continue to fall in Victoria

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The number of payroll jobs nationwide remained steady through July (-0.1 per cent) while Victoria saw a fall, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics today.

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said, “Payroll jobs remained 4.5 per cent below mid-March, when Australia recorded its 100th confirmed COVID-19 case.”

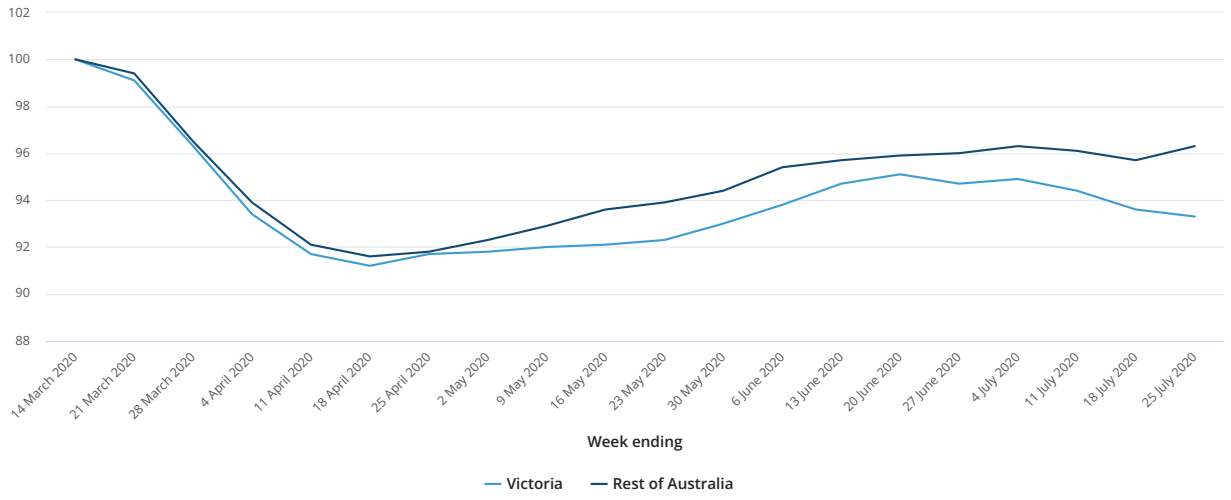
Payroll jobs fell by 1.5 per cent in Victoria through July ahead of the introduction of Stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions in the state, with total job losses of 6.7 per cent from mid-March.

“Around 40 per cent of jobs lost in Victoria by mid-April had been regained by 25 June, but by the end of July this had reduced to 24 per cent,” Mr Jarvis said.

The Accommodation and food services and Arts and recreation services industries were the two most impacted by payroll job losses during the COVID-19 period. These industries saw the largest increases in payroll jobs since mid-April (26.6 per cent and 18.2 per cent), but remained 17.9 per cent and 15.1 per cent lower than mid-March.

Payroll jobs worked by people aged under 20 increased 4.2 per cent nationally through July.

Payroll jobs, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020



Further information is available in Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (cat. no. 6160.0.55.001).

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- Jobs by Industry subdivision estimates through to the week ending 25 July will be added to his release on Wednesday 12 August 2020.
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